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Picture TOM BETTS

DOING THE DISCO DUCK

LOVE a duck! Hundreds of glittery disco ducks hit the water in Ramsgate on Bank Holiday Monday, as part of the Summer Squall arts festival.

One lucky lad, two-year-old Edward Rhodes and his family, scooped the £50 diva duck from the Westcliff Boating Pool lake.

Thousands flocked to the town for three jam-packed days of entertainment. Organisers have proclaimed the inaugural festival a great success and committed to making it an annual event.

Sue Kennedy from Ramsgate Arts said: "We've been really pleased by how it has all gone, and have had a great three days. Visitor numbers for the entertainment were high and it was a great weekend."

■ BY NICK AMES

THE North Sea's Dover sole fishing grounds have been re-opened to the isle's fishing fleet after negotiations between the European Union and MPs.

Fishermen have been told they can return to sea after a month on dry land after the amount of Dover sole they are allowed to catch was extended.

Skippers along the coast, from Ramsgate to Dungeness, feared for their livelihoods after the North Sea sole fishery closed in July in a row over stocks.

But Government negotiations with The Netherlands and Germany have increased the EU sole quota for boats under 10 metres, which can now catch 250kg a month, worth about £2,000.

It represents the equivalent of two to three days of fishing.

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is responsible for closing and re-opening fisheries when quota allocations are reached under the Common Fisheries Policy.

"The re-opening of the North Sea sole fishery is great news and is something that I have been working closely with the MMO on securing," said fisheries minister Richard Benyon.

John Nichols, of Thanet Fishermen's Association, said he hoped the boats would be out at sea after midnight on Thursday.

"One of the most important things is that the minister recognises the importance of the inshore industry and is prepared to help.

"Coastal MPs around this area are very pas-

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Tobin's appeal pointless, say girls' families

■ BY NICK AMES

FAMILIES of the victims of murderer Peter Tobin's have called for the serial killer to be prevented from making his latest "pointless" appeal.

And they say they just want him locked away so they can forget about him.

Relatives have accused the triple murderer of exploiting the justice system by pleading for a reduction in his 30-year sentence for killing Vicky Hamilton, 15, from Falkirk.

Critics claim the outcome is irrelevant, because Tobin was given a whole life sentence for the murder of 18-year-old Dinah McNicol, from Tillingham, Essex, and will never be released.

Both girls' bodies were buried in the back garden of Tobin's former home in Margate.

Tobin, originally from Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland, who is also serving another life sentence for the murder of Polish student Angelika Kluk, 23, in Glasgow, was due at the Court of Appeal in Edinburgh last month.

But the 63-year-old was too ill to leave prison.

Relatives of his victims have now set up a Facebook campaign calling on authorities to prevent Tobin and others who have killed two or more people, from launching repeated appeals.

The petition, which is endorsed by Vicky Hamilton's father Michael, 60, has seen almost 2,000 supporters sign up, and is aimed at stopping people like Tobin, putting families through 'years of pain and torture'.

Mr Hamilton described Tobin's



APPEAL: Triple killer Peter Tobin

current appeal as a way for the serial killer to "play the system".

He added: "Public money should not be going to waste on a man who has committed three murders.

"It's just ridiculous when you consider that he's never going to get out of prison anyway."

And Ian McNicol, Dinah's father, said: "What people don't realise is that every time this thing appears in court, he gets a new suit, a new shirt, and he's getting fed and watered and he's being fussed about because he demands it, he's got human rights.

"We just want to put him away and forget about him."

Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill has agreed to meet Mr Hamilton, but he says in a letter that he cannot discuss Tobin's appeal directly while the case is still going through court.

Voters must register to have their say

ISLE residents are about to start receiving their voter registration forms through their letterbox, and if they don't complete them, they lose the right to vote.

The year 2011 will be busy with district and parish council elections and a referendum on the voting system for the Parliamentary elections, all due on Thursday, May 5.

Thanet council sent out forms from Wednesday, August 25, and details can once more be confirmed by post, online or by freephone.

Households that have not received a form by late September, or have any questions about completing the form, can e-mail electoral.services@thanet.gov.uk or phone 01843 577500.

Organic garden wins local produce grant

THE people of Thanet will be brushing up on their growing and entrepreneurial skills in their own organic market garden, thanks to a £222,000 grant from Local Food.

The Windmill Community Allotment Project was amongst successful applicants to receive funding from the Local Food Programme, a £50 million programme supported by the Big Lottery Fund, which will be supporting food-related community projects across the country.

Local Produce Partnership will promote healthy living through participation in market garden activities, horticultural training, local produce sales, a vegetable box scheme and seasonal recipe development.

Skater boys and girls compete for titles

MORE than 100 young people showed off their skills in BMX and inline skating at an Urban Sports Day, organised by Thanet council's Sport Matters team.

Held at the skate park at the Warre Rec in Ramsgate, the day was overseen by instructors and MCs from Revolution Skatepark.

Will Rose won the scooter competition, Sam Everard took the title in the under-16s BMX competition, and the over-16s BMX competition was won by 'Spud'.

In the inline skating competition, Jacob Morgan was the winner in the under-16s category, with Nathan Thompson victorious in the over-16s.

MP backing Thai restaurant

CLIFTONVILLE regeneration has taken a step forward as MP acknowledges the world-class quality of one of its restaurants.

Laura Sandys, MP for Thanet South, has nominated the Bangkok Thai restaurant in Cliftonville for the Tiffin Cup.

The cup is awarded by the Tiffin Club, a cross party group of MPs who believe in celebrating cultural diversity in food and encouraging people to try South Asian food – and enjoy eating it themselves.

MPs nominate their favourite restaurants in their constituencies and they then compete for the cup.

The competition has been going for five years and last year was won by another Kent restaurant, Tamasha in Bromley.

Bangkok Thai is through to the



HONOUR:
 Co-owner
 Malcolm
 Curtis with his
 partner
 outside the
 Bangkok Thai
 restaurant in
 Cliftonville

regional final on Friday, September 24, and if they win, they go through to the final.

Malcolm Curtis, co-owner of the Bangkok Thai said: "This is a great

honour. Cliftonville isn't famous for its eating places, so I'm really pleased that local people can sample a genuine taste of high-quality Thai food at our restaurant."

Heritage weekend will help town look to future

■ BY TOM BETTS

SOME of Margate's most historic buildings and sites will be throwing open their doors this month as part of Heritage Open Days.

A total of 12 different venues will be taking part in the initiative, which runs from Thursday, September 9, to Sunday, September 12.

Organised under the banner of Margate Arts, Creativity, Heritage (MACH), it is an innovative partnership between English Heritage, the Arts Council and Thanet District Council.

The four days will include free tours, talks, live music and arts events, all inspired by Margate's history and its culture-led regeneration.

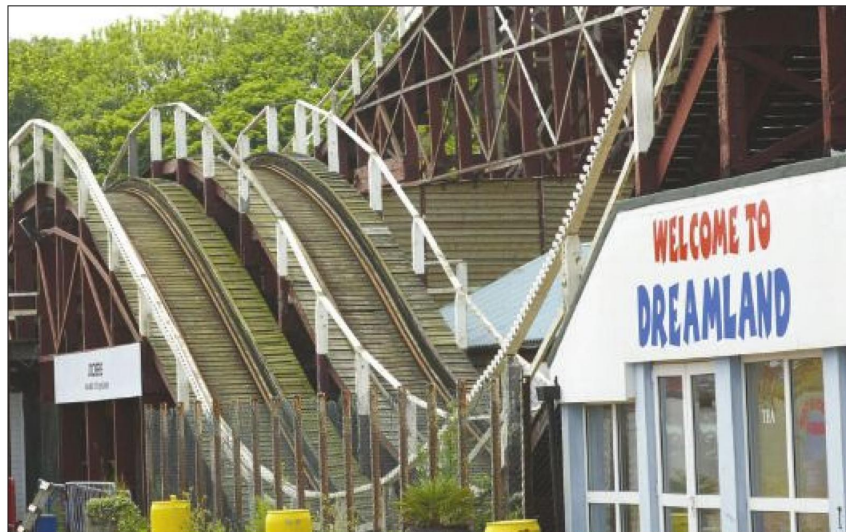
Dreamland will be offering a tour of the world-famous former amusement park site and a presentation about its future as the world's first heritage amusement park.

Margate Museum, the town's former police station, will be hosting a performance with a difference in the former prison cells, which date from 1858.

A live band will play music from the 60s to commemorate the detention of 51 mods there following the Whitsun Riots of 1964.

Guided tours will also be available of The Reading Rooms, a luxury boutique bed and breakfast; St John's Parish Church; the Theatre Royal, which is home to the country's second-oldest working stage; and the Tom Thumb Theatre, one of the world's smallest theatres.

Visitors to the town can also take a look



LIVING HISTORY: Visitors can tour Dreamland and other attractions as part of the Heritage Open Days scheme

inside the Tudor House; explore the archives of Margate Baptist Church; take a walking tour of three squares (Cecil, Hawley and Addington); and can explore Margate Old Town.

Turner Contemporary will be putting on an exhibition in a pop-up shop, as part of Generate, a project they are working on with Thanet College, while the Harbour Arm will showcase an exhibition and auction of postcard-sized art, with proceeds going to the RNLI.

MACH project manager, Sophie Jeffrey, said:

"Margate has a special place in the history books and in many people's hearts, so we hope this event will be a big hit. It's also a great way to open up a conversation with local people about how we can secure the long-term future of Margate's cultural assets."

The event is being run with help from volunteers, including the Margate Civic Society.

For more information on the venues taking part and what they will be offering, visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk



TRAINING: Ben and Alex Allan-Chapman

Brothers in arms ready for combat

TWO Ramsgate brothers are taking part in a tough military exercise on the prairies of Canada for their upcoming mission to Afghanistan.

Privates Ben, 25, and Alex, 21, Allan-Chapman, who both serve with the Germany-based 1st Battalion the Princess Of Wales's Royal Regiment, have flown 8,000 miles to join 1,200 soldiers in the middle of the Canadian wilderness.

They are battling the heat, mosquitoes, long hours of endurance and constant engagements with the 'enemy' in preparation for a deployment to Afghanistan next year.

Exercise Prairie Thunder is taking place at the British Army Training Unit Suffield in the heart of the vast plains of Alberta in the western Canada.

It is designed to show the complexities experienced in Afghanistan, with purpose-built villages, Pashtu-speaking people and a mix of threats, opportunities and training value, needed in preparation for Helmand Province.

• Full story next week

RNLI station on the move

THE RNLI base for Margate's lifeboats will move this week.

Due to the construction of the Turner Contemporary gallery on the Rendezvous site on Margate seafront, operations will move to a compound on the main sands, near the clocktower.

Block paving work at the gallery is about to begin, and space is needed to move vehicles around the site.

Both the all-weather and inshore lifeboats will be moved.

The operational readiness of the town's two lifeboats has remain unaffected by the construction of the gallery, although the lifeboat station is situated within the perimeter of the construction site.

Paul Hodson, lifeboat operations manager, says: "While there has been some inevitable disruption it is still business as usual for us."

"We have received good support from Durntells, KCC, TDC and Turner Contemporary and are grateful for their efforts in ensuring that disruption is kept to a minimum. Unfortunately we have not been able to welcome visitors during the construction period, but lifeboat cover in the area has remained unaffected."

Builder R Durntell and Sons Ltd have agreed to pay for the move, which will include a sealed compound, temporary accommodation, and 24-hour security provision.



FIGHTING TALK: MP Laura Sandys and fisheries minister Richard Benyon with fishermen before the general election

Boats go back to sea with quota extension

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sionate about what they are doing for us at the moment and that is the way forward."

Vessels up to 10m long make up 93 per cent of the UK fishing fleet, but only receive 3 per cent of the quota.

The EU has promised to reform the system in 2011.

Laura Sandys, Tory MP for Thanet South, said: "I am thrilled that our fishermen are now able to go back to sea following lengthy negotiations by Richard Benyon MP and his team with other EU countries to get extra quota."

"It has been a difficult few months

for our local fishermen, but today they have the green light to get back on their boats", said Ms Sandys.

"Ever since the minister, when in opposition, came down to Ramsgate at my invitation, he has seen the importance of our fishermen to our community and he has been working to ensure that we get the best deal for them."

"Today shows how true his promise was when he said that he was committed to a future for our local fishing industry."

"I know how difficult it has been for fishermen - I know how close some have come to bankruptcy."

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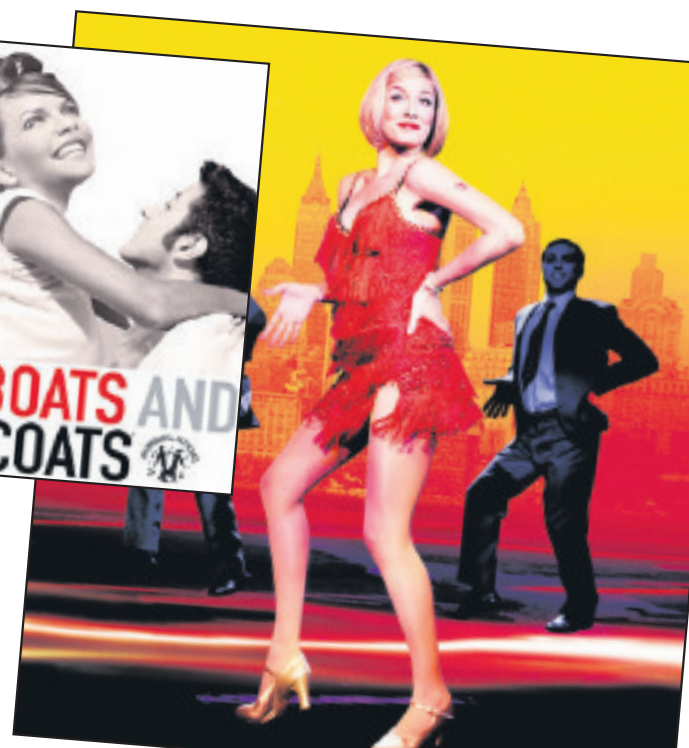
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LITTLE CUTIES: Val Savage is currently looking after 80 Guinea pigs in her home and garden

Sharing her home with an unusual choice of animal

VAL Savage runs a unique establishment in east Kent – the only care and re-homing service specifically for Guinea pigs.

Located in her home and garden in Sandwich it currently houses around 80 of the child-friendly pets, numbers are large as owners have put their animals in temporary accommodation due to holidays.

A registered charity, the April Lodge Guinea Pig Rescue was founded when after a bereavement Val's family acquired one of the small animals and her interest grew.

"I realised there wasn't a lot of provision for help for Guinea pig owners," said Val.

"So I decided to set one up. Lots of rescue centres deal with different sorts of animals. But I decided to specialise in Guinea pigs."

The animals are kept in indoor cages and outdoor runs and are supervised by a team of volunteers, including Alaina Burgess from Deal.

"It's very worthwhile and it's a great help to the owners to know their pets are well cared for when they are away," she said.

"We have a shop here as well which is aimed at owners – and all the money gets put back

■ BY NICK AMES

into the charity so everyone benefits."

The centre also houses a veterinary clinic where advice on keeping the animals healthy can be obtained along with checks on their well-being.

Val – who is qualified as a Guinea pig health advisor by the British Association of Rodentologists – explained what the main reason for the pets being bought to her was.

"It's really that children just get bored with them," she said. "They are bought as presents and then when interest wains they are not looked after."

"One of the main things I would like to get across to parents is if they do buy a Guinea pig for their children they must be prepared to take part in looking after it."

"It's usually okay when the animal is at a young age but they can live up to around seven years."

"Those later years may bring with them vets' bills to ensure the animal is kept healthy."

Further information can be obtained by contacting aprilodgeguinea@aol.com or by looking at our feature on www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Helping mums to give up smoking

A UNIQUE new scheme to help pregnant mothers to quit smoking has been launched by the NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Stop Smoking Service.

Quit and Play is a free seven week group at The Fun Factory in Whitfield, for pregnant mums and partners with or without pre-school aged children.

Parents attending the group can get practical advice and support to quit smoking, while their older children can have fun in the soft play area. The children can then enjoy a free healthy lunch.

Stop Smoking project manager Jacqueline Ralph said: "Many pregnant mums are too scared or embarrassed to ask for

help to quit smoking as they think they will be lectured or judged.

"We take the approach that a friendly, supportive group is the best way to help people who want to quit – for their own health and the health of their family."

"As far as we are aware, this is the first scheme of its kind in the country and takes into account the fact that many pregnant women will have pre-school children to look after and therefore may not be able to get to a regular group."

The Quit and Play sessions will be held on Thursdays starting September 9 from 10.30am to midday. Places are still available and booking is essential.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Helping you to beat debts

IF you're having problems paying your mortgage or rent or are in debt, you could get help and advice from Thanet council.

The home debt advice service is encouraging people to come forward and seek assistance at the earliest possible opportunity.

The council's housing options team is offering a free and confidential housing and debt advice service, which can help with how to maximise your income, reduce your outgoings and provide information about benefits.

They can also offer advice and help with applications for the mortgage rescue scheme, which aims to help householders, who have seen their income change dramatically and need help paying their mortgage.

In more complex cases, referrals can be made for more specialist help. Find out more at www.thanet.gov.uk/homedebthelp

To get in touch with the scheme, call 01843 577277 or e-mail housing@thanet.gov.uk.

Extra language therapy

MORE help is now available for children in east Kent with Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia – a condition which means they have difficulty in making the precise movements of muscles necessary for clear speech.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Services provide a service that helps children overcome dyspraxia.

Its paediatric speech and language therapy service, based in Mill Lane House in Margate, provides speech and language therapists who visit children in schools, at home or in a nursery.

Where is work needed?

PEOPLE in Ramsgate and nearby villages are being asked what issues need tackling and which communal areas need clearing.

The council's Operation Clean Sweep utilises Community Payback workers and would like to know where you think the next targeted area should be.

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Street star Auntie Pam signs up for wicked panto role

CORONATION Street star Kate Anthony is coming to Margate in December to head the cast of Cinderella at the Winter Gardens, Margate.

As Auntie Pam in Coronation Street, Kate successfully managed the wedding of Tyrone and Mollie but, as Baroness Hard-up, she'll have a tougher job getting her daughters, the Ugly Sisters married.



Other professional cast members are soon to be announced, but one lucky local lady will take the title role of Cinderella, when the Search For Cinders kicks off next month. Details of the auditions will be announced soon.

Meanwhile, auditions for dancers will be taking place on September 26, at the Winter Gardens.

A spokesman said: "Featuring a top-flight professional cast, up-to-the-minute music, an hilarious script and stunning scenery, Cinderella promises to be the most exciting pantomime in East Kent this Christmas – in probably the warmest theatre!"

"There will be a special schools' performance on December 16, and the show runs from December 19-30.

With seats at £14, and concessions £12, it's great-value entertainment for all the family this Christmas."

Tickets are available from the Winter Gardens box office on 01843 292795.

Anger as memorial to fallen soldier is hidden

■ BY NICK AMES

THE best friend of a teenage soldier killed in the Falklands War wants a memorial in his honour to be put back on display.

Steve Goddard, from Ramsgate, wanted to pay his respects to Private Francis Frederick Slough but found the granite memorial and remembrance plaque which he helped to fund at Sonning village hall, Berkshire, can no longer be seen.

Pte Slough, a paratrooper in the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment, was killed in the final assault on Port Stanley on June 14, 1982, less than three hours before Argentina surrendered. He was 19.

Mr Goddard helped towards the cost of a glass box to protect the memorial, which was placed on the outside wall

But it is now inside after parish councillors decided to do away with the porch and move the front doors following vandalism and it has a wooden cover over it.

Mr Goddard, 47, travelled 128 miles to see the plaque only to discover what had happened and said he was disgusted.

He said: "They should be ashamed of themselves. If I put a First or Second World War memorial in a wooden box I would be prosecuted."

"The stone which makes the plaque was



FALKLANDS MEMORIAL: Steve Goddard is calling for a memorial plaque in Berkshire to be displayed again

flown from the Falklands by the RAF after Fred was buried in a military cemetery on the islands. It now cannot be seen at all from the street and I feel that is wrong. Fred deserves to be remembered for his sacrifice."

Mr Goddard has asked the parish council for an apology and to arrange for the stone to be repositioned on an outside wall in order for it to be seen by passers-by.

He said: "If the memorial is not moved or the doors taken down I will report the parish coun-

cil to Oxfordshire County Council.

"The doors should be moved back to where they were – where they are now is just wrong."

The issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the council's general purposes committee on Tuesday, September 28.

Sonning Common parish clerk Sheila Jenkins said: "The doors and the brickwork were being vandalised with graffiti so we decided to get rid of the porch."

Mr Goddard and Pte Slough met at school in Sonning. The soldier left school at 16 and joined the Army. In the Falklands War, he was involved in the battle for Goose Green before advancing on Port Stanley, sleeping during the day in trenches. He was killed in the subsequent battle.

A memorial service was attended by 450 people, including Pte Slough's company commander Major Philip Neame who described Pte Slough as a "great asset" to his company.

In November that year, a remembrance service was held at the village hall where the plaque was unveiled by parish council chairman Godfrey Coles.

Under the simple brass plate is a piece of granite flown back from the Falklands by the RAF at the request of Pte Slough's parents.

The Falklands War was fought between Argentina and Britain over the disputed sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands in the South Atlantic.

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Q What goes on at the summer school?

A We have been running three weeks of summer school, including a week of classical ballet which was aimed at children from six years upward to about 12.

We had 28 children and put on a show at the end of the week, The Tales of Beatrix Potter. The week was based on that ballet, which was ideal for that age group, with all the animals and tails. They had a lovely time. We also had a musical theatre week with slightly older children, aged eight and upwards. Our eldest was 18. They did dance, drama and singing. They put on The Wiz, a modern version of The Wizard of Oz.

Q What happens at the master classes?

A Guest teachers come in who are professionals within the dance world. We had Francesca Filpi from the Royal Ballet Company, which was exciting for the students.

It was a chance for the students to see her. And a woman who used to be on the West End in Chicago and Cats, who came down to do some master classes. They do two-hour master classes on a particular dance style. We have ballet, tap, hip hop and contemporary, also singing and fitness fusion.

The children produce something at the end so they can show their parents. It's a chance for them to work with top professionals from

the dance world, and it's nice for them to have a different teacher from normal term time and be inspired by people who have been there and done it.

Q How did you become a dance teacher?

A I was a pupil at Dance Warehouse a long time ago. When the school opened I was a student and Alison, the principal, was my teacher then. When I was 16 I auditioned for the Royal Ballet School, got in and did my training there for three years. I danced professionally for a year with European Ballet, which was a touring company. Then Alison asked if I wanted to come back and teach - I've been here ever since. I'm into my ninth year of teaching here. It's gone very quickly.

Q Do you think the area is a good place for dance?

A It is, because there's an arts following here. There are lots of stage schools which are geared up to doing just shows and nothing else, but we call ourselves a dancing school because although we do a biannual summer show, we give pupils a good grounding in technique as well with their dance.

I'd like to think we're providing that. We've had a pupil get into White Lodge at the Royal Ballet School - she's 11 and going in September. One of our older boys has just got into the Arts Educational School in London.

That is musical theatre-based school. We do get people into the right places, which is rewarding. A lot of people come for fun as well.

Dance is good because not only is it exercise, it also provides coordination and confidence for the children. And they always make a new set of friends here as well.

Q Do you enjoy teaching?

A I love it. From the age of five, when I started dancing, I'd decided I wanted to dance professionally and I wanted to teach, and that was that. It's very rewarding.

It definitely keeps me on my toes, literally. I have variety with everything I teach.

Although we do a lot of work with ballet classes, because we do the shows the school has a nice mix for me to get involved in lots of different things. I mainly teach ballet, but also contemporary. At Dance Warehouse we have a bit of everything: ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, creative dance and drama as well.

Q What are you doing next?

A Next term we will be celebrating our 15th anniversary in Canterbury, which will be exciting. There are a few little charity shows we have been asked to take part in and we will be involved in the Canterbury Festival during October as well.



Reporter **Jenny Armstrong** talks to dance teacher Katie Marquis about summer school at the thriving Dance Warehouse, which has more than 600 students in Canterbury and Ashford

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Plenty left in the tank, says restoration team

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

HISTORIC tanks which dominated the battlefields of World War One could be restored to their former glory thanks to a revolutionary technique pioneered in Kent.

The Maidstone-based Military Vehicle Foundation hopes to rebuild four armoured vehicles in time for the 100th anniversary of the conflict in 2014, but must first raise £2.3 million.

Ashford's famous Mark IV tank, which currently stands as a registered war memorial in St George's Square, is one of the vehicles in line for a makeover.

Should the restoration cash be made available, skilled engineers at the charity will use a process known as annealing to strengthen steel which has become brittle with age.

Manager David Ridd said: "The problem is that if you went out and drove a World War One tank today, it would shake itself to pieces in a very short space of time.

"But we've come up with a process that allows us to reinvigorate, bend and shape the steel so that it lasts, because there's no point restoring tanks with old plates.

"Tanks are interesting in the sense that they give you an insight into exploring issues around war. When you're trying to engage people and teach them about 20th century history, they're really compelling tools."



ARMoured SUPPORT: Sharon Bowles MEP with Michael Gibb, of the Military Vehicle Foundation and Richard Smith, director of the Tank Museum (left), and Ashford's famous WWI Mark IV tank in St George's Square



Based in a workshop at Rugmer Hill Farm, Yalding, the Military Vehicle Foundation has been restoring old tanks, jeeps and more since 1997 and has been a charity since 2000.

It also gives young people and young offenders the opportunity to learn about engineering by offering work experience placements, and has a re-offending rate of just 3.7 per cent.

Mr Ridd said the foundation was working with war museums throughout Europe in an attempt to bring the tank restoration project to fruition.

He added: "The centenary of the start of World War One is going to be a major international event, and what we are looking at is restoring four tanks to full running condition.

"One is the Mark IV in Ashford and we also have two French tanks in bits in our workshop. We also want to restore a German LKII, of which only two prototypes were ever made."

Mr Ridd revealed the foundation hoped to secure grants from a range of European funding agencies, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, but added it was still "very early days".

South East MEP Sharon Bowles – chairwoman of the European Parliament's economic and monetary affairs committee – has already pledged her support.

She said: "There is enormous historic and cultural significance attached to these vehicles, which are some of the rarest examples of modern engineering in the world.



Pupils are driven to prove their ability in maths contest

YOUNG mathematicians at St Peter-in-Thanel junior school, Broadstairs, are among the elite in Kent when it comes to the world of virtual motor racing.

The school's Maths in Motion team were pipped at the chequered flag to finish runners up in the county competition.

Headteacher Sharon Irvine said: "Maths In Motion is very popular in our school. It is an excellent way of developing a range of mathematical skills and having fun learning at the same time."

As well as taking part in challenges with other schools, St Peter's pupils hold their own in-house tournament every year.

The children have lapped up the racing challenges facing them at their regular after school club meetings between September and April.

Medals were presented to Kyle Purser, Alex May, Charlotte Kent and Peter Clapham for their excellent performance.

The pupils set up their cars as if they are a member of a pit team and race weekly, developing team work skills as well as mathematical skills such as percentages and scales as they tuned their virtual cars to get the optimum performance out of them.

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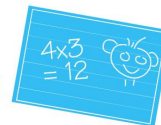
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BREAK TIME



Head boy shows his worth with 13 As

KING ETHELBERT head boy Alexander Hall-Daniels picked up 13 A-grade GCSEs.

But his route to success has been tortuous. Alex struggled at primary school because he was overweight and was home-schooled before starting at the Birchington school.

Once there, Alex flourished and soon dropped the pounds through a strict regime of diet and exercise losing four stone in seven months.

With help from staff, Alex was named head boy and walked away on Tuesday last week with one of the highest exam hauls in his year.

His parents said: "We would like to take this opportunity to personally thank this truly outstanding school for their determination, vision, love and encouragement."

Smiles all around as young students make the grade

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

ELLINGTON and Hereson School celebrated its first set of GCSE results since becoming one unified establishment.

At least 32 per cent of pupils gained five A* to C grades including maths and English, above the minimum national standard set to be imposed next year.

Across the school, students achieved a 55 per cent pass rate in five or more exams at A*-C.

Head-teacher Tony Hamson said: "Results at the end of our first full year together have surpassed what we expected, given the situation – I am full of admiration for the students and our staff who have really pulled together over the last year so well."

"These are historic results for us – this is a terrific platform on which to build our school and we are raring to go."

Students at Hartsdown Technology College in Margate achieved a record-breaking set of results for the fourth consecutive year.

Abbie Newcross and Josie Llewellyn both gained 13 GCSEs with A*-C grades, while Jake Clark and Bang Hoang also obtained 13 GCSEs, with nine at C or above.

There was a 100 per cent pass rate in the vocational GCSE courses, while the school boasted record levels of A*-C results in maths, English, resistant materials and PE.

Principal Andy Somers said: "We have astonishingly good results across the board and have again broken our own records."

"I could not be more proud or pleased for the students, staff and parent – these results reward the talent, effort and determination of them all."

"I saw the results on my birthday – what a fantastic present."

"More than ever, this underlines what we really believe in at Hartsdown – it is the people that make a good school like ours so successful."



WELL DONE: Lydia Monks and Emma Meade of Ellington and Hereson School secured 12 A*-C and 10 A*-C grades respectively in their GCSEs

High pass rate is a new record for college to celebrate

ST LAWRENCE College celebrated another year of improvements, with both A-level and GCSE students topping last year's grades.

Every student passed in 19 out of the 24 A-level subjects available and the overall pass rate was 95 per cent, two higher than last year.

More than eight per cent of grades were A*s

and almost a quarter of students achieved either A*s or As.

In the lower years, 92 per cent of GCSE candidates achieved five passes or better, with 44 per cent racking up nine or more.

Top-scorers Adam Eglesfield, Kara Gooding, Emily Graham, Jeremiah Hui, Tom Ng and Matthew Randall all scooped 10 passes each.

The Rev Mark Aitken, head-teacher, said: "I am delighted with these results as they show marked improvement once again. Our A*s are spread over a wide range of subject areas: sciences, through humanities and technology."

"Year on year, our results have improved and this reflects the excellent teaching that goes on in small classes."

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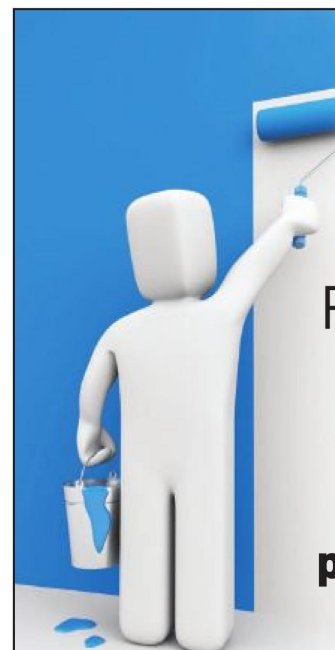
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Rescue charity's after change to dog breeding law

A MAJOR overhaul of animal laws is necessary to help banish Britain's stray dog problem, claims a Kent rescue charity.

David and Heidi Anderson, of the Dover-based Chancepixies, have launched a petition calling for a 'fit for breeding' legislation to regulate breeders of all levels and ensure they are not dumping their dogs when the going gets tough.

They claim the problem of stray dogs will be eradicated within ten years if the Government implements their idea, which has so far earned the backing of more than 500 people.

"There is legislation already in place to control farm animals and fishing, and to prevent you dumping your fridge or your car, so why not dogs?" said Mrs Anderson.

"Dogs, unlike children, do not grow up and become responsible for themselves. If you choose to bring puppies into the world, you must retain some responsibility throughout that dog's life."

According to a 2007 report commissioned by the RSPCA and the World Society for the Protection of Animals, only 30 per cent of European countries – including the UK – do not

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

enforce compulsory licensing for dog breeders.

And of the eight European countries deemed to have good stray control, all have legislation in place for the breeding and selling of pets.

The Andersons are also breeders of champion Dobermanns and say those willing to breed animals should also be willing to rescue them, too.

"If you won't rescue, don't breed," said Mrs Anderson.

"It would be good to get people to realise there is a big difference between responsible and irresponsible breeders.

Legislation

"A responsible breeder should always take back a puppy, for whatever reason, throughout that dog's life, and always be there for help and support if needed. This change in legislation is needed to introduce a sensible solution.

"Thousands of people are admitted to hospital every year with dog-related injuries, millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is spent every year on stray dogs, and thousands are sitting



ACTION NEEDED: Heidi and David Anderson would like to see the Government tighten current breeding regulations

alone, unwanted and abandoned."

Mrs Anderson added: "This legislation will also uncover the falsification of pedigrees that allows banned breeds to be re-introduced into the UK for fighting and intimidation of the public.

"This can all change if the breeding of dogs is controlled."

Just over 500 people have already signed the Andersons' petition, but they want 10,000 before it is submitted to Parliament.

• Visit www.chancepixies.com and click on the 'fit for breeding' tab to add your name.

Abandoned mum and pups highlight problem

POTENTIAL dog owners are being urged to think twice following an increase in the number of greyhounds being abandoned in Kent.

The appeal comes from the Rochester-based Greyhound Rescue West of England (GRWE), which took in and rehomed 763 dogs last year, compared to 513 in 2008.

But the worrying increase in dumped lurchers could swell that figure to as much as 1,000 this year, including greyhounds no longer wanted after their racing careers are over.

Kent regional homing officer Janet Lindsay highlighted the case of a saluki cross called Suri, spotted tied to a fence outside a dog pound weeks after giving birth. Two days later a box containing her eight puppies, all of which were in an appalling state of neglect, was dumped outside a nearby veterinary surgery.

All nine animals narrowly escaped being put to sleep and were instead placed into the care of the charity.

Mrs Lindsay said: "Both Suri and her pups are in a poor condition, suffering from sarcoptic mange which is so itchy it is causing them quite a bit of distress, leaving their skin broken and raw."

GRWE is run entirely by volunteers. Already overwhelmed with the number of dogs in kennels and foster care, and a growing waiting list, emergencies like this put further stress on a charity that relies solely on donations from the public to carry out its rescue and re-homing work. GRWE currently has about 80 dogs in its care, including 21 puppies. To offer a home to one of the dogs or to help the charity financially, visit www.grwe.com or call 07000 785 092.

Meanwhile, the Retired Greyhound Trust is also appealing for new owners as its kennels in Meopham, contain more than 40 dogs with nowhere to go.

Spokesman Ivor Stocker said: "Greyhounds make fantastic pets. When they leave the track they turn from speed machines into docile couch potatoes who love to loll around and get fussed over. All they want is a loving family or owner to look after them."

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Flat residents are left feeling blue

No, no no...

It's not the residents of Arlington House that came up with the horrible blue design that loses all the views from inside the flats (Yourthanet, August 18) – it was the residents association, which doesn't actually consult the residents and seems not to be representative of the residents.

The planning brief relating to the Arlington site issued by Thanet council covers most of the points needed – all it needs is for the council to have the bottle to follow it up and insist on its requirements being met.

Arlington House resident

Comment left on www.kentnews.co.uk

Greenfield build open meetings

Mick Davies's letter in last week's Yourthanet made direct comparison between the needs of disadvantaged communities and the proposed development of the derelict Warren Court Hotel and former Warrior Crescent site.

It is great to hear correspondents taking interest in the work of the Margate task force and the building of much-needed social housing.

As I am sure Mr Davies will appreciate, the issues are more complex than a single sentence or soundbite can describe.

So he will be pleased to know that all aspects of this decision are being discussed at two forthcoming Thanet council meetings.

The first will be a special meeting of our overview and scrutiny panel, which will be examining the cabinet's decision to gift the land to Town And Country Housing Association for the development of social housing at Dalby Square.

That meeting takes place on Wednesday, September 8, at 7pm.

On Wednesday, September 15, again at 7pm, our planning committee will meet to consider the application that Town And Country Housing has submitted to the council for this development.

Both meetings will take place in our chamber in the council offices at Cecil Square, Margate.

your blogger

Florence Tennent offers the Prime Minister's new baby daughter some advice on her name...



SO, in case you missed several days of 24-hour rolling news coverage, PM David Cameron has named his new daughter Florence Rose Endellion Cameron.

Endellion after the Cornish village where the couple were holidaying when 6lbs 1oz Flo popped out a month early on August 24. No one seems to know why Rose, and the best guess for Florence so far is Mr Cameron's professed fondness for the band Florence and the Machine.

Being a Florriebunder myself I was asked what advice I could offer to our newest celebrity offspring.

My relationship with my name has been stormy to say the least, with a 13-year-old Floflo announcing to her bemused classmates that from now on they could call her Crystabel (that's how much I liked it).

Two main points had driven my teenage self to this point of nominal suicide. Firstly, there were two stock responses to the name, either an "Ooh, where's your lamp?", in reference to the ubiquitous Victorian nurse Florence Nightingale, or a chorus of The Magic Roundabout's discordant circus theme tune.

At the time I summed up the general perception of Flossie as 'Great Aunt Flo-ism'; Flo-jo hit the peak of its popularity in Victorian times and to most people Florencia was the name of a grandmother or other elderly relative. Unfortunately for me, this was particularly well portrayed by Little Britain, which ran a skit

featuring two cross-dressing 'ladies' Florence and Emily (Emily is my middle name, I kid you not).

The other problem with my name was the total lack of cool nicknames, the truly worst example being Flofie Wofie which amused my friends so much they kept it up well beyond its sell-by-date. Even Flo was an issue after giggling American kids informed me this usually referred to a woman's monthlies.

But, dear Florence Cameron, don't despair. Your naming is proof that, as I have claimed for several years, Florence is coming back.

My first indication came when another Florence joined my school. I realised not only had I secretly enjoyed being the only Florence, but perhaps there were more Florences out there. The advent of Facebook confirmed my suspicions; hundreds of thousands of Flos signed up to a group called "So your name is Florence too?" and shared their nickname woes.

Government statistics backed us up when Florence crashed back into the charts in 2008 as the 94th most popular baby girl name in England and Wales.

Finally our big moment came when Florence and the Machine, a band fronted by the charismatic Florence Welch, dented the top 50 music charts in 2009. At last, a famous Florence we could be proud of.

Now the PM's got a Florence, I'll admit I was worried everyone was going to want one. But I'm proud I get to be one of the forerunners of the Florence comeback, making Flo cool for future generations. Welcome aboard Flossie C, we need all the help we can get.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the editor, **Dave Mairs**, on 01303 817022 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Ashford blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to www.yourashford.co.uk.

Although these public meetings will focus on different aspects of the issue, between them they will create an open and fully informed public debate, so everyone can understand the reasoning behind decisions.

I look forward to seeing Mr Davies at one or more of them.

Cllr Chris Wells (Conservative)
Thanet council

Fireworks go off without a bang

If disgusted James from Broadstairs had bothered to look in Busy Broadstairs, which is available from roundabout March, he would have seen there were no fireworks on August 18.

Unfortunately, they were only scheduled for three Wednesdays, the last being cancelled because of the bad weather.

Ann, Broadstairs

Future of homes is empty properties

There has been no good news recently for Kent and Medway's 36,000-plus households on council-house waiting-lists.

Only about 40 per cent of the housing needed each year is being built. But more than 22,000 homes in Kent and Medway are empty.

Kent Green Party advocates a process of putting surface car parks into use for new brownfield site housing, substituting multi-storey car parks where necessary.

But this is not the only measure that would help.

The average deposit to buy a home now stands at about £36,000, well beyond the reach of many people.

How many retail, office and industrial units have been empty for more than six months?

If funded, councils could put all such properties into use for social housing and help cut unemployment in the process.

Kent Green Party agrees with the British Property Federation that empty properties should be used.

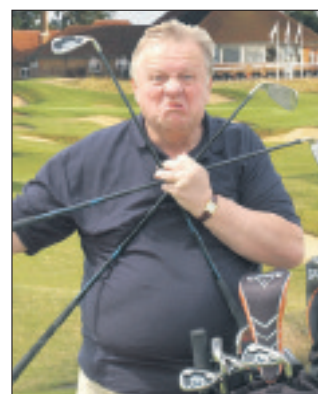
We also note that renovation creates one-third of the carbon emissions of new-build.

We do not think pushing people out of their council homes against their will, away from the community they have known, is socially responsible.

Like Shelter, the Green Party places a high value on settled, stable communities as a contribution to our society.

Creating fast-turnover ghettos of social housing, accessible only to a few households with multiple issues justifying their tenancy, would atomise existing communities.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party



CHARITY DRIVE: Dave Lee Celebrity Golf Classic at Chart Hills on Sunday

Putt yourself out for kids' charity golf day

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone along to Biddenden's Chart Hills Golf Course this weekend for the Dave Lee Celebrity Golf Classic.

It'll be a fun day out, you'll be helping to raise money for a worthy cause and there's sure to be more than a few famous faces there too.

The fun starts on Sunday, September 5, from 10am. For more details visit www.daveleehappyholidays.org.uk.

Dean Headley
by email

Save our green and pleasant hedgerows

Hedgerows are one of the most iconic features of the English landscape and it's important we do everything we can to halt and reverse their loss and degradation.

Our survey shows that the Hedgerows Regulations have made a positive difference, but it also makes clear that improvements can and should be made.

Local authorities have shown that, given the opportunity, they will protect these wonderful examples of our rural heritage.

It's over a decade since the introduction of the Hedgerows Regulations and the time is ripe for the new Government to make improvements that will give local authorities the power they need to better protect the great diversity of England's hedgerows.

Hedgerows are the vital stitching in the patchwork quilt of the English countryside. Some predate Agincourt and others bestride earth backs built more than 4000 years ago by Bronze Age Britons.

They lend beauty and character to the landscape, and provide many wider environmental benefits, including important habitats for a wide range of wildlife species.

It is a criminal offence to remove an important hedgerow, with possible fines of up to £5,000. However, as management of hedgerows has declined, many are being lost not only to removal, but as they degenerate into lines of trees and shrubs.

Hedgerows are the most widespread semi-natural habitat in England.

Over large parts of the lowlands they are the main surviving habitat of this kind and are critical to the existence of numerous plants and animals.

They are particularly important within areas of intensive farming, and for the survival of widespread but declining species which are dependant on woodland edge, scrub or rough grassland habitats.

The Hedgerows Regulations are proving themselves as an effective means of protecting England's important hedgerows and with the right improvements they can be even better.

As ready-made corridors for wildlife to move through the landscape, they should be a critical tool in the landscape-scale conservation of our natural environment that the new Government wants to see.

However, regulations on their own, even with the improvements we would like to see, will not do enough to protect our hedgerows for future generations.

We also need ministers to continue funding Environmental Stewardship schemes that give landowners an incentive to preserve ancient hedgerows.

These could be put at risk if cuts to Government spending fall in the wrong place.

Emma Marrington
Campaign to Protect Rural England

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JANE 60, beautiful slim blonde blue eyed widow, friendly, easy and eager to please searching for fun and romance with tall, slim man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335537

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RETIRED female, new to area, likes art, music, concerts, theatre, seeks similar professional/retired male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379922

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WHITE South African Knight desired, late 30's-40's who is kind, caring, sensitive and knows how to area a woman. Must like cinema theatre, weekends away, concerts etc. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334303

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38YR old single mum, bubbly, curvy, seeks genuine guy for romance, good life and good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334777

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KAY 37, beautiful, warm, friendly blonde, no ties, would love to get to-times with an attractive male who can sweep her off her feet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334797

LOVELY female, 55, 5ft 6ins, seeks male 53-59, 6ft and N/S. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334633

ANNE 42, beautiful, loving and caring, always on the go, seeks tall, well built guy who can show her what she's missed for new experiences together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334221

LINDA 52, gentle, sensitive and fun loving seeks tall attractive male with big personality for a tactile relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334219

ALI 5ft 2ins, red hair, blue eyes, GSOH, likes simple things in life, seeks male who can make her laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334077

RETIRED professional lady, 68, GSOH, varied interests, seeks N/S gent for socialising. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333993

35YR old honest, caring, understanding female, 5ft 6ins, seeks nice, hardworking gent for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334495

REBECCA 45, 5ft 9ins, educated brunette, GSOH, seeks tall, intelligent, caring male with GSOH, 43-55 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379776

VIVACIOUS curvy brown eyed brunette, loving and affectionate would love to be pampered and spoilt by a tall, romantic male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334227

JEAN 53, stunning, young looking blonde seeks tall, trendy male to make days more fun and nights even better. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334225

DAMSEL in distress, Heather young looking 50, very attractive, been hurt in the past and seeking affectionate, younger male to rescue her. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334203

EXTROVERT slim, modern widow, loves dancing seeks tall, enthusiastic, young at heart male who shares the good things in life, fun and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334201

MANDY 46, lovely loving, affectionate brunette, lots of lovely curves WLTm ro-yantic, warm hearted male for a special relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334199

RACHEL 28, single mum, fun, outgoing, adventurous, seeks black/mixed race male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334123

BEAUTIFUL vivacious female seeks kind hearted, affectionate guy to come home and share relaxing evenings together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333627

JUDY youthful slim nurse 45, no ties, can't wait to raise the temperature of a discreet, experienced, confident guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333625

KAREN 50, 5ft 2ins, medium build, young at heart, active, smoker, likes horses, no ties, seeks nice male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379510

LOVELY chic free spirited green eyed blonde, feminine, seeks professional, romantic, well spoken male with a love of life for good times, fun and travel. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333525

PAULETTE 63, shy, outgoing, long hair, green eyes, likes dogs, walks, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379482

TRACY 31, 5ft 1ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, curvy, bubbly, GSOH, 2 children, likes animals, seeks genuine, trustworthy, honest male, 35-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379552

SANDRA 60, bubbly widow WLTm loving male who knows how to treat a lady for good conversation and relaxed fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333631

GEORGIE 45, cuddly bubbly blonde, seeks laid back guy to chill out, share adult conversation and relaxing no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333629

61YR old lady, medium build, widow, OHAC, likes music, countryside, gardening, seeks similar male, 60-65 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334455

FUN loving female, 47, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 39-49 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334417

SUZANNE 50's, tall blonde, works hard, plays harder, lots to offer the right male, seeks confident man who thinks he could handle her. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334205

SEDUCTIVE saucy blue eyed blonde seeks happy go lucky male for lots of fun and attention. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332625

ATTRACTIVE slim, blonde female, young 48, 5ft 6ins, no ties, seeks outgoing, friendly male, 45-55 for friendship, hopefully LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379340

JACKIE 32, attractive professional, very smart and feminine, long brown hair, seeks smart, confident, older male who knows how to treat a lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332607

ELAINE 51, petite, curvy, shy, sensitive and nicely wicked, looking to meet a well built guy for tactile, loving relationship. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332605

32YR old black single mum, curvy, caring, honest, fun loving, likes nights in/out, seeks honest, adventurous, fun loving male, 35-45 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379506

FEMALE 46, slim, likes cooking, seeks tall, caring male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379498

ANDREA 34, lovely, sensual with long dark hair seeks mature male to take a chance and share a romantic meal for two. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333607

FUN flirt rock chick, curvy size 12 seeks likeminded male to share special times and bring sunshine into her life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333605

JILL stunning blue eyed blonde, sporty, devoted footie fan, seeks tall, active guy who's not too shy to try something a bit different. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333603

ANNA 43, sensual blue eyed blonde, slim and vivacious, loves to wine and dine seeks tall, dark male for good conversation, fun and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333601

SMART happy female, 5ft 6ins, likes documentaries, films, meals out, wine, conversation, seeks tall, professional gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332725

40YR old rock fan, likes animals, country walks, gigs, seeks kind male, 40-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333095

LADY 60's, slim, young minded, N/S, likes gardening, meals out, country walks, holidays, theatre, seeks male, 55-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332749

LARGER 26yr old lady, dark hair, looking for anyone to make her laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332721

HEATHER 36, tall blue eyed brunette, shy, but always up for a laugh, looking to let her hair down with a tall, romantic male. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332633

HAYLEY 22, bubbly blue eyed blonde, tattoos and piercings, loves to live to the full, seeking exciting male, up for anything, for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332631

JANINE 43, stunning slim, blue eyed blonde WLTm tall male to get to know, share romantic candlelight dinners, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332627

KAREN 39, statuesque brunette, seeks very tall, well built male for uncomplicated relationship with a real woman. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332603

ELIZABETH 58, attractive, sensitive, caring, young outlook, seeks similar tactile guy to share good times, fun and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332601

BLACK female, N/S, 44, 5ft 5ins, likes cinema, cooking, seeks N/S white, kind, honest, loving male, 48-56 with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332979

SASKIA 43, stylish, very attractive with long blonde hair seeks attractive tall trendy guy for fun friendship with lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331395

MARY 50, petite with green eyes and dark hair, lovely curves seeks bubbly outgoing male who is full of surprises to make and keep life and love interesting. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330887

BEAUTIFUL long haired brunette, loves life, very friendly seeks lovely romantic, younger male with plenty of imagination for lots of kisses, cuddles and possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330885

PAULA 40, vibrant, down to earth, loves the sun, will try anything once seeks similar sensual male for some fresh air build. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331405

KELLY 26, beautiful shapely brunette, likes wild nights out but prefers chillin' with a nice bottle wine, good conversation and intimate moments, seeks similar. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330863

WINNIE small, sweet and full of love for life, seeks lively mature male to share TLC, romance, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330859

JENNY 23, shapely, understanding brunette, loves nights out and quiet times in, seeks tall older male who is not too serious for fun times together without complications. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330857

ANNE 46, slim, N/S, honest, reliable, seeks male, 42-50, N/S, slim-medium build. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330029

CAROLE 55, young looking blonde, voluptuous, but not too much to handle! WLTm manly male who is up for some no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330883

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ROMANTIC country man, young 50's, tactile, artistic, GSOH, likes meals out, films, classic cars, antiques, seeks attractive lady companion. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379906

GENUINE male, 45, no ties, GSOH, sexy, honest, smoker, seeks nice female, any age/nationality/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335099

46YR old male, 6ft, always a male naver a partner, GSOH, down to earth, animal lover, likes a laugh, pubs, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379940

MARK 46, single dad, seeks female with no ties for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379938

JOHN young looking male, middle aged, N/S, self employed gardener, seeks female, 30-50 for friendship and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335495

CARING fit guy 48, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft 9ins, seeks pretty, well spoken Sussex lady, 42 or younger for loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379816

STEVE mature guy 52, green eyes, GSOH, like music, nights in/out, seeks female for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334981

ARE you 58 plus, not over the hill, me 55 will put the sparkle back in your life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334967

DEN 60, frustrated, seeks lady, any age for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334879

YOUNG 52yr old male, attractive, well dressed, kind, romantic, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive female, 46-56 for a new beginning. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334771

EASYGOING male, 54, 5ft 11ins, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, N/S, GSOH, reliable, seeks likeminded female for relationship and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334167

SLIM good looking male, seeks discreet sexy fun with female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334765

FUN loving Christian male, 70's, 5ft 11ins, honest, caring, likes walks, swimming, music, conversation, dark chocolate, WLTm kind lady to share interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379682

MARK 5ft 9ins, 48, blue eyes, likes nights out, gym, pubs, clubs, seeks female, 42-50 for friendship, fun and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334611

5FT 10ins, dark, 58, widow, likes cooking, travel, dogs, seeks female, 50-70. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379850

TALL slim, dark haired, attractive male, young 54, seeks attractive, slim female for daytime fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334557

JASON fun loving, late 20's, likes outdoors, meals out, pubs, clubs, dad of one, seeks female for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379878

ATTRACTIVE tall male, former lover of the year 2004, seeks friendly, feisty female for daytime fun to lighten the fires. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333988

DAVID 5ft 11ins, fair hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, smart, likes travel, music, seeks female companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379708

JOE 66, likes gardening, travel, cooking, nights out, seeks female for fun, friendship, cuddles and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334481

MEL 6ft, loyal, faithful, trustworthy, honest, likes swimming, walks, sports, pubs, good food, animal lover, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334421

ADRIAN 70 plus, seeks companion of similar age who likes animals, meals out and socialising. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379792

ROBERT 68, professor of Archaeology retired, MS sufferer, seeks female, 55-65 for friendship and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379732

MALE 52, seeks N/S, young at heart female for theatre, cinema and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379722

TALL uncomplicated Christian male, mid 50's, refuses to take himself too seriously, GSOH, seeks friendship with female, 45 or under. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334395

YOUNG 64yr old male, seeks female of similar age or younger, slim, petite, N/S, social drinker for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334273

PETER 61, likes walks, meals out, music, cooking, seeks discreet female for no strings mutual fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379698

WIDOWER late 60's, tall, grey hair, N/S, likes sport, music, theatre, walks, seeks attractive N/S female, 60-66 for LTR. Eastbourne. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332687

TALL male, professional, seeks likewise female, 20-40. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334261

WHITE male, 61, N/S, own home, GSOH, seeks romantic, understanding, black/Asian female, 40-60 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334099

MEDITERRANEAN male, 5ft 2ins, likes sports, music, seeks female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333925

MALE 45, medium build, tall, blue eyes, brown hair, GSOH, romantic, honest, likes pubs, music, nights in, seeks slim-medium build female, 28-45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379780

65YR old male, lonely, likes nights out, most things, N/S, seeks lady of similar age for TLC and fun. Tel No: 0

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Hypnotic show arrives

LOSE yourself in the Hypnotic Experience Show at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate.

On Friday comedy hypnotist Steve Marshall will draw on 15 years of experience to present an evening of hypnosis.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10/£9. To book, call the box office on 01843 591750.

Friday night love story

A CONTEMPORARY love story is played out in Fourth Wall's new show, Friday Night Forever.

Playing out over three acts, the show boasts a variety of musical styles. The production can be seen at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone next Wednesday to Friday. Tickets cost £7.50.

To book call 01303 223925 or visit www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk.

Romance for writers

BUDDING authors can join Chantella Shaw for a creative writing workshop at Sandwich Library on Tuesday.

The workshop, which will have a romantic theme, starts at 2.30pm and admission is free, but places are limited. To book call 01304 613819.

Panto talent search

YOUNG performers can audition to be part of the Marlowe Theatre's pantomime, Robin Hood.

Boys and girls aged eight to 15 can audition at the Prince of Wales Youth Centre in Military Road, Canterbury at 11am on Sunday.

Successful candidates will be asked to stay behind. To find out more, email ali@evolution-productions.co.uk.

Gurkhas display at fair

GURKHA children and soldiers will give displays at the Grand Village Fair at Lympne village hall and playing fields on Sunday.

There will also be Nepalese food, sideshows, craft stalls, arena events, a children's funfair, majorettes, karate, a fancy dress competition and more. The event runs from 1pm to 4.30pm.

African choir concert

ENJOY the sounds of Africa with a special concert at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday.

David Fanshawe's African Sanctus will be performed by the National Combined Choir from USCT and ULT Schools. The concert will be in the Nave at 7.30pm.

To book tickets, visit www.african-santus2010.com.

Fureys star plays folk

CELTIC folk star Davey Arthur visits the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville next Monday and Tuesday.

As a member of The Fureys, Arthur is one of Ireland's best-loved musical exports. He will be joined by his son Patrick.

The concerts start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8. To book, call 01843 221791 or visit www.wegottickets.co.uk.

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DIG out your hats and shades and get ready to move those feet at the Folkestone Skabour Festival.

Across the three-day event, 14 bands and 13 DJs will be giving ska fans the chance to indulge in their favourite sound, with performances from some of the most exciting acts in the genre.

There will be two days of free music at the harbour and ticketed events in the evenings that will help to support the free entertainment. Rhoda Dakar will be among the DJs performing during the festival, alongside Tony B and Tone the Skin, Hot Bomb Hi-Fi, DJ Toast and more. Bands taking to the stages include The Beat, Arthur Kay and the Originals, Intensified, Simian Artillery, the Swinging Cats and the Scaredy Cats.

The festival is the vision of John 'Teflon' Sims, a graphic designer who worked with Jerry Dammers of the Specials to create the iconic imagery associated with the 2Tone movement. His work will be on display in three venues in the town during the festival, which is the first Skabour event to be held in Folkestone.

Sims' exhibition of his designs, This ART 2-Tone, has been shown in Margate, Brighton and Coventry, known as the 'Holy Grail of 2-Tone', along with mini exhibitions in New York and London. When he considered bringing his art to his hometown of Folkestone, the idea of a music festival was born.

"Putting on the first of any music festival is always a journey into the unknown," Sims said. "The event is as much about supporting the Folkestone regeneration initiative as it is about the music."

"The town has fantastic potential as a festival venue, both for local people and those further afield, particularly now that with the high-speed train from London, Folkestone is the nearest coastal resort in terms of time from the capital."

"We want people to know what a great place this is, endorsed by the fact that it has been designated the 17th best seaside town in the UK in a survey published this month."

Along with the great music, other attractions include a ska market and the 'show and shine', an organised scooter ride-out around the town. It is hoped that up to 150 vintage scooters will take part in the ride-out, making an impressive sight as they cruise around the



ROCK STEADY: DJ Rhoda Dakar will be performing at the festival alongside Arthur Kay and the Originals



streets of Folkestone.

Judging by the initial reaction to news of a ska festival in Folkestone, Sims hopes that visitors will flock to the town to be a part of it.

"Once the word was out, we were overwhelmed with the response from ska bands, DJs, fans, scooter clubs and the general public," he said. "Folkestone Skabour will be THE ska music event on this year's calendar. Many of the gigs will be free to attend and the concept is to do this for love of the music, rather than the money."

The festival kicks off when The Beat plays at Quarterhouse on Friday, supported by Skatonics. Tickets cost £16. Arthur Kay and the Originals will perform at the same venue on Saturday night, with support from local band Intensified. Tickets cost £12 and can be booked by calling the box office on 01303 858500 or visiting www.quarterhouse.co.uk. For both concerts, doors open at 6.30pm.

For full festival listings and booking details, visit www.folkestoneskabourfestival.co.uk.



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FIVE STAR SWING

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For one night only, the band will be playing many classic big band and swing numbers, made famous by artists like Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller and Jools Holland.

The show features former Ivy Benson musician Simone Smith and her husband Chris, who has worked with Herb Miller,

brother of Glenn Miller. Sax player and singer Simone has played with a diverse range of artists include Paul Weller and John Williams, while Chris's compositions are often heard on Jazz FM and BBC Radio 2.

"I've been brought up with this style of music as my father played trombone for Frank Sinatra on his European tours," Mr Smith said. "It's great that there is a strong resurgence in jazz and swing music enjoyed by all generations."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are priced from £9. To book call 01227 281174.



RAT PACK TRIO

Saturday, September 4, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



JOIN the hottest party in town when the Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular rolls into town this weekend.

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Interspersed with lots of the trio's famous banter, the songs include Come Fly With Me,

Volare, Lady is a Tramp, Mack the Knife and many more favourite tunes.

The show has been delighting swing fans all over the world since 2002 and taking people back to a time when entertainment was classy and smooth. During the 50s and 60s, the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas was considered to be the coolest place to be seen when the Rat Pack were in town.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost from £16 to £20. To book, call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

CAROUSEL

Saturday, September 4 &
Sunday, September 5,
Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, Broadstairs



LOVE conquers all in the classic Rogers and Hammerstein musical, Carousel.

This uplifting musical can be seen at the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club this weekend and again on September 11 and 12, as Stardust Theatre Company presents a production of the show. Directed by Joe Hodges, the show boasts a full orchestra conducted by Myles Ratcliffe.

The musical features timeless songs such as If I Loved You, June is Bustin' Out All Over and You'll Never Walk Alone.

Tickets cost £9 for Sarah Thorne members and £11 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance. Family tickets cost £32/£40. To book, call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.



HOP FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 4 & Sunday, September 5,
Faversham town centre



THOUSANDS of people will flock to Faversham this weekend for the annual Hop Festival.

Harking back to the days when hop-pickers would mark the end of the harvest with a big party, the popular festival is packed with music, dance and other entertainment. A wide variety of bands and musicians will be performing across three stages and anyone who would like to dance can kick up their heels at the Hoppers Ceilidh, held at the Alexander Centre in Preston Street at 8pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £7 in advance, £8 on the door or £20 for families of four, and advance tickets are available from Wendy's Bargain Books in Queen's Parade.

A Year in the Life of Faversham, a photographic project which records the life of the town, will be launched at the event and train enthusiasts can also get on track for a great day out. The Spitfire steam train will follow the hop-pickers' route by making a return trip through Kent from London Bridge. To find out more, call 01795 542285 or visit www.shepherdneame.co.uk. For festival listings visit www.thehopfestival.com.



DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS!

Saturday, September 4,
Gulbenkian Theatre, Maidstone



CHILDREN will be looking forward to the return of the school bus once they have seen Big Wooden Horse's live show.

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The show starts at 2pm and tickets cost £8 each or £35 for family and friends groups of five. To book, call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.gulbenkian.co.uk.





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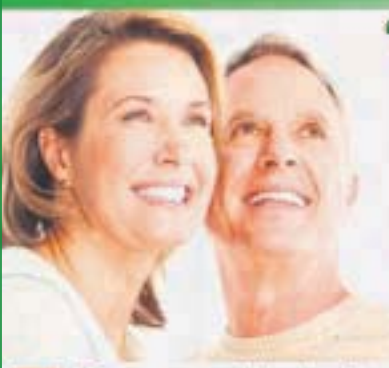
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Michael Cera Vs. the same geeky youngster role in a feel good film

ONE man's quest for love could result in a little more than a broken heart in Edgar Wright's video game-styled comedy based on the graphic novels by Bryan Lee O'Malley.

A blitzkrieg on the senses from the opening frames, *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World* will appeal to young, techno-savvy audiences who live through their joypads and remotes.

Sound effects produce elongated on screen captions like BEEEEEEEEPP and when the characters fight, their blows land with a mighty THUD or KAPOW.

Editing is frenetic, though thankfully the action sequences don't reduce to an incomprehensible blur, complimented by a loud, rocking soundtrack.

Scott Pilgrim (Michael Cera) is the 22-year-old bass guitarist with the band Sex Bob-omb, which also includes guitarist Stephen Stills (Mark Webber), drummer Kim Pine (Alison Pill) and lifelong fan Young Neil (Johnny Simmons), who knows all of the band's songs and riffs by heart.

The eponymous strummer doesn't enjoy a roaring success with girls and to stave off the loneliness, he begins dating 17-year-old Chinese Catholic schoolgirl Knives Chau (Ellen Wong). Gay roommate Wallace Wells (Kieran Culkin) is horrified and immediately sends a text to Scott's sister Stacey (Anna Kendrick), who tries and fails to reason with her little brother.

Then Scott meets the girl of his dreams, Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), and is instantly smitten.

They share a night together and everything seems perfect, apart from the small matter that Scott has neglected to tell Knives he is going to dump her.

During Sex Bob-omb's first round performance at the Toronto International Battle of the Bands, Ramona's ex-boyfriend Matthew Patel (Satya Bhabha) challenges Scott to a duel to the death.



YOUNG LOVE: Michael Cera and Mary Elizabeth Winstead star in the latest teen romp that sees Cera playing exactly the same character he always does once again

"If we're going to date, you might have to defeat my seven evil exes," Ramona reveals.

So the plucky musician must face Lucas Lee, Todd Ingram, Roxy Richter, the Katayanagi Twin and record label supremo Gideon Graves.

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World is an entertaining romp with a snappy script littered with choice one-liners ("If your life had a face, I'd punch it!")

The stylised digital effects are very cute at

first like the little meter that appears on screen when Scott visits the toilet, and gradually empties as he relieves himself.

However, the bombardment lasts for almost two hours and by the end of the film we feel almost as exhausted as the characters.

Cera plays the same role, yet again, albeit with a bass guitar in his hand, and Winstead does her best not to crack a smile as the girl with a knack for dating bad guys.

Just like the end of a video game, when the

player gets a Continue? option to insert more coins, Wright's film concludes with a countdown to more potential adventures with Scott and the gang.

These two hours are sufficient.

**SCOTT PILGRIM
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ALMOST OVER: Josie was the final winner of the regular Big Brother shows



YOUR TV REVIEW **BIG BROTHER:** Channel 4, 9pm

BIG Brother is finally over. Forever.

But in the pantomime world of reality television there is room for one last feeble cry of "Oh no it isn't!"

Big Brother is back, again, in a last hurrah for a genre that has become firmly embedded in the spirit of the early 21st century. Just when we were watching the final, prepared for this to be the last time we voyeuristically gawped at people we didn't know and didn't particularly like, Channel 4 decided we hadn't quite had enough.

This time addicts will only have to endure three weeks of what has been billed as Ultimate Big Brother. Housemates with celebrity status either of their own or dubiously daubed on them by the programme itself will battle it out in a televisual

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

goldfish bowl to be crowned the best contestant ever.

Despite being the epicentre of reality television, Ultimate Big Brother has a hint of unreality about it. People whose real lives have been massively affected by the show are back in one of the strangest situations imaginable.

The producers have sent in Chantelle and Preston with their typical amorality. For the uninitiated, the pair met on Big Brother, fell in love, got married and then divorced less than a year later.

Amongst the usual mix of neuroses Channel 4 has thrown everyone from the seemingly normal Ulrika Jonsson and 'Nasty' Nick Bateman, who can't be that bad really, to the likes of

Nikki "Who is she?" Grahame and multi-platinum rapper Coolio.

But despite this, at the end of an era, it all seems a bit different. Everyone seems stunned, as if the spell has finally broken and they have realised they are a strange bunch of people in a bizarrely decorated house where they have to do what they are told because they have a camera pointed at their heads.

So what have we learned from what started out as an Orwellian social experiment into human nature? That people will forfeit their dignity if promised fame and fortune. That, in an oppressive situation, people will conform. That people will watch anything.

And perhaps we have learned that, after three weeks of grace, reality TV will soon be dead. Hopefully we have learned it is time to move on.

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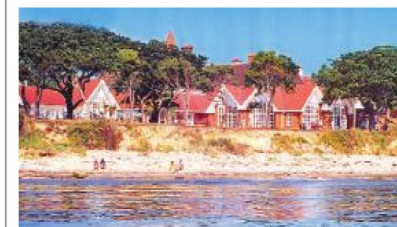
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Talent at The Forum



LEGENDARY: Three decades of great music arrive at The Forum this week

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SKA legends The Toasters will pop up at The Forum this Friday as part of the band's 200-date 2010 world tour.

The celebrated New York seven-piece – led by frontman Robert 'Bucket' Hingley – are thought to be the longest serving US ska outfit, having burst onto the scene in 1981 and stayed there ever since.

During their 29-year recording/touring career the band has released nine studio albums and played to sell-out crowds across the globe.

Despite enduring numerous line-up changes over the years, the band's raw, live energy remains the same.

Support on the night comes from Tyrannosaurus Alan, Broken Union and Run Leia Run.

Tickets cost £10 in advance and £12 on the night.

Forum bosses have lined up a whole host of talent to play at the Tunbridge Wells venue throughout the month, starting tonight (Wednesday) with Paint in Black, Blacklisted, Broken Teeth, Light-bringer and more.

Tomorrow sees Philadelphia Grand Jury, Sister Mantos, Goodluck Jonathan and Flexability perform.

Entry costs just £6 and is worth that alone to see Los Angeles-based electro prodigy Sister Mantos, aka Oscar Santos, take to the stage.

Sister Mantos wowed Kent crowds during an impromptu five-minute performance at the Lounge on the Farm two years ago with his wondrously unique one-man show.

Definitely worth a view.

Saturday sees The Ruskins, In Mono, Romanian Stray Dogs and Marathan play with Doors Alive, a The Doors tribute act, playing the following night.

New Device and MG and the Juggernauts will make Forum appearances on Monday, Sept-

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MUSIC FESTIVAL: A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm



BAND PRACTICE: Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Craig Sheridan – Times Change (from Deal)
- 2 Shelta – We Can Make It (from Bexley)
- 3 Ron Bowdery – The Return of Alfred E (from New Eltham)
- 4 Cristlefridge – Unbreakable (from Whitstable)
- 5 Stereohype – Invaders Must Die (from Deal)

ember 13, followed that week by Citay and The Naming of Things on Thursday, 16, and Off With Their Heads, Dissociates and Melchett, on Friday, 17.

Dogs, The Onlookers and The Deccas are next up on Saturday, September 25, with A Loss For Words, Not Advised, LYU and Loose Cannons rounding the month off on Thursday, September 30.

For more information on The Forum visit www.twforum.co.uk.



BREATHTAKING: The iceberg lagoon, Jokulsarlon, is an incredible – and wholly unspoilt – natural phenomena worth seeing

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The land of fire and ice, and breathtaking unspoilt beauty

■ BY DANIELLE DWYER

“ORDER the puffin”, the waiter suggested politely as I dithered over the extensive menu on my first evening in Iceland.

I didn't have the guts – quite literally – so I stuck with the salmon, but I was the only one eating it in our group. The others indeed opted for smoked puffin – and gave it rave reviews. As for my fish, caught the very same day from a river running past the restaurant, it was perfect.

The adventurous menu marked the beginning of what was to be an action-packed four-day trip.

We took in spectacular glaciers, a bubbling volcano, tumbling waterfalls and rolling fields. The landscape is striking, albeit curious and bleak in places.

It is impossible to forget that Iceland – nicknamed the land of fire and ice – is a country of extremes.

Volcano enthusiasts can drive to Eyjafjallajökull from Reykjavik along Route 1 – a journey of roughly 70 miles. It is also possible to fly over the volcano as we did, an experience well worth an afternoon if weather conditions permit.

But there is so much more to Iceland than lava and ash.

Iceland, situated just south of the Arctic Circle, is home to a population of 300,000. Roughly half that number live in the capital, Reykjavik, and its neighbouring towns in the southwest.

Corrugated iron-clad buildings, many painted in pastel hues, lend a picture-postcard backdrop to Reykjavik – where Icelanders regularly party right through the night.

FACT FILE: ICELAND

Time difference	- One hour (GMT)
Capital	Reykjavik
Language	Icelandic
Population	318,000
Currency	Icelandic krona
Religion	Evangelical Lutheran Church

Danielle Dwyer was a guest of Discover The World, which offers six-night self-drive holidays in Iceland year-round from £808 per person. The Arctic Edge package includes Icelandair flights ex-Heathrow, B&B hotel accommodation, including the luxury Hotel Rangá and car rental. Reservations: 01737 218 800 and www.discover-the-world.co.uk.



By day, the city's atmosphere is casual and relaxed, with a dress code to match. By night, the stilettoes come out and the bar crawls commence, lasting into and beyond the early hours. But Reykjavik has more to offer than its vibrant nightlife.

In the daytime it is pretty and peaceful, with just enough bustle to create an atmosphere.

The capital is small enough to explore by foot, and wherever you are in the city, you are never far from a decent coffee and a spot to sit down and people-watch.

Reykjavik is also an ideal base from which to explore the rest of the country. About four buses leave the city each day for the Blue Lagoon, where you can share the locals' fondness for outdoor bathing by plunging into mineral-enriched waters at a breathtaking 38C.

The Jokulsarlon iceberg lagoon, on the south side of Vatnajökull, is a must-see.

The lagoon is a sprawling lake of glacial meltwater into which huge icebergs have floated, having broken away from the glacier.

The fact that such an inevitably popular spot has been left exactly as nature intended is striking.

Except for the unobtrusive boat that chugs through the lagoon, there is nothing. No fast food chain to cash in on the scores of tourists flocking through the area, no souvenir store, no ticket booth.

And the same can be said about hundreds of Iceland's natural wonders.

Our guide tells us that Icelanders want to keep it that way – unspoilt – and it is certainly worth a visit while they do.

MOTORS NEWS



Lexus gives IS facelift to take on rivals BMW

UNDERRATED in a sector dominated by BMW's 3-Series, the Lexus IS has had a major facelift.

Significantly, Toyota's luxury brand now also has more ammunition against BMW's big-selling 320d diesel version in the company car sector – the old IS220d makes way for the IS200d, offering cost/tax savings through better economy and emissions. Exterior styling has also been honed with new lights and a revised front grille, giving the car a sleeker look, with prices unchanged (from £24,350).



A1 option allowing you to downsize with style

AUDI'S eagerly awaited baby, the A1, now has a firm UK arrival date – November.

Prices will range from £13,145-18,280 and advance interest globally in this premium option to downsize, means Audi is already talking about upward revision of production targets.

Three high efficiency yet eco-friendly engines will be offered, featuring direct injection, turbocharging and start-stop plus BMW-style energy recovery braking.

Two units will be petrol – the 1.2 TFSI, the 1.4 TFSI – plus be a 1.6 TDI diesel.



One final turn for rotary star as production ends

MAZDA has chosen to end UK sales of the innovative RX-8 rotary-engine sports car.

Less than 100 highly-specified R3 versions of the revolutionary four-seat/four-door coupé are left in UK stock.

The car was amazingly practical while the light and low slung rotary engine also made it a well-balanced and a popular drive, though some would-be buyers were wary of the engine technology.

Kent-based Mazda UK has priced the car at £25,540 for the run out, with tempting finance packages.



STILL 'BEARING' THE BRUNT: Fiat's much-maligned Panda is still the marvel it was seven years after its launch when it was awarded European Car of the Year status

Fiat shows its support for Panda conservation

ROAD TEST FIAT PANDA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Of course, it looks spartan inside and I would want the split folding rear seats that come with dearer versions – to complement the van-like cargo options – but it still has electric front windows, CD sound system and two-speed power steering that allows easy parking.

Lightly-laden, the Panda can be firm and fidgety, but it a fun drive and an average of nearly 60mpg, group one insurance and trifling road tax – zero in year one – gives more to grin about.

And there's the car's triumph of ergonomics – a high-mounted gearshift beneath where the hand falls naturally off the steering wheel.

But the five-door Panda is compact, so rear legroom is not great and the boot is small when the seats are in place, but this city car is still a marvel seven years after launch, when it was European Car of the Year.

As our man on Kefalonia confirmed, it has a reputation for reliability too, helping to restore faith in Fiat after some dark days on the quality front.

There is talk the current car will be replaced next year, but don't be surprised if it's no more than a thorough facelift.

Remember... don't fix it, if it ain't broke.



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PROPERTY NEWS



EVOLVING: Planning rules change for our villages

Villages given chance to grow under new ruling

NEW planning rules could change the way Kent's villages grow and see them evolve in a different way, according to property consultants Smiths Gore.

The Community Right to Build proposals, which were outlined earlier this summer by the coalition Government, aim to give communities the power to develop new homes with greater autonomy, allowing them to proceed without a specific planning application.

This would still oblige them to meet minimum criteria for development to local authorities, which may include strong local support, meeting environmental targets and making sure it does not expand the size of the community too rapidly.

Steve Briggs, planner and partner at Smiths Gore, said the proposals should make things easier and may return Britons to the policy of bygone years, when villages evolved more or less naturally.

"One would like to think that, in the long term, the positives will see local people staying within their local communities rather than being forced to look for homes in urban areas on account of economics," he added.

Lure of being beside the sea is on the increase

THE UK is seeing increased demand for coastal housing, according to Waterside Properties.

Peter Halliday, managing director of Waterside Properties, said the south of England has some "excellent options" for househunters who long to be by the sea.

"Most of the people that buy are buying for a lifestyle move; they are selling up their family home and moving down to the coast," he said. "That is still happening in reasonable numbers."

Mr Halliday went on to say that while properties by the coast tend to attract higher prices, they are still subject to the same forces of supply and demand and have neither risen nor fallen substantially in value in the past two years.



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WARMING TO THE IDEA: Having an energy-efficient home does not necessarily mean having to spend a lot of money and can be a massive benefit when the time comes to sell

Benefits of an eco-friendly property are hitting home

■ BY NICK AMES

HOMEOWNERS are becoming more environmentally aware and this is being reflected in the purchases they are making, according to a leading manufacturer of kitchen products.

Also new research has found that to ensure a house is as energy efficient as possible does not mean spending large amounts of cash.

And experts say the long-term benefits can be huge in the shape of lower-energy bills as more heat is retained inside the home.

Alison Coleman, marketing manager for Magnet, was speaking after the company launched its range of ECO worktops, which are made from recycled and eco-friendly materials.

The worktops are composed of "recycled consumer waste such as mirror, porcelain sinks,

baths and tiles, and from industrial waste such as ash from power plants and stone scrap from quarries and workshops," she said.

Santander Mortgages reported that first-time buyers spend an average of £3,782 on kitting out their new homes.

Some 43 per cent of first-time buyers spend their first £1,000 on sofas and armchairs, followed by beds and kitchen appliances.

However, around half a million choose pleasure over practicality, putting a large proportion of their cash towards a house-warming party.

There area also a number of quick and easy ways for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their properties, which may in turn make them more attractive to buyers in the future.

Gordon Miller, sustainability and communications director of Sustain, said proper insulation does not cost much and is supported by government grants.

"Before you even think about trying to generate electricity or hot water, make sure that the home is properly insulated," he commented.

For buyers, purchasing an eco-friendly home will not necessarily cost any more than it would to buy a conventional home, Mr Miller added.

Last month, the Energy Technologies Institute revealed a new £3 million project to design a supply chain solution to improve the energy efficiency of the 26 million homes still expected to be in use by 2050. The project includes identifying ways existing properties can be retrofitted and stimulating demand for eco-friendly housing.

All these improvements can help to keep heat inside the four walls during cold snaps – meaning lower bills.

Construction industry suffering from economic downturn

A RECENT drop-off in construction orders is bad news for the industry according to the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), after surveyors reported a fall in total construction workloads.

Figures from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors found

public housing and other municipal works were the worst-affected sectors, probably as a result of cuts in government spending.

Additionally, the latest Markit/CIPS Construction Purchasing Managers' Index shows UK construction activity

slowed to its weakest level in four months in July.

"Sadly, none of this is a total surprise as it reflects the feedback we have been getting from our members about the building industry suffering because there is less government money avail-

able for capital projects," said Brian Berry, director of external affairs at the FMB.

However, he went on to say the Government's Green Deal, which will see 26 million homes retrofitted, could potentially offer new job opportunities for builders.

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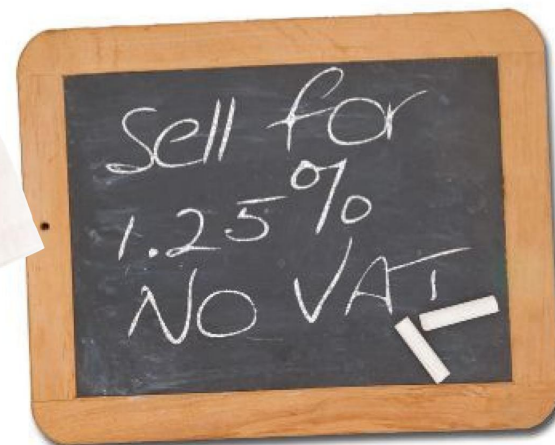
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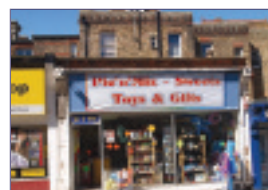
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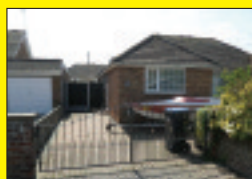
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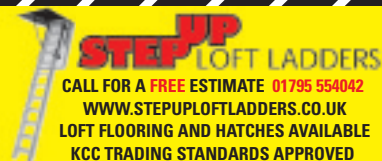
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CRICKET

BY STEVE TERVET

Kent League Division Two

High Halstow v Broadstairs

BROADSTAIRS enter the final weekend of the season knowing promotion to Division One is in their own hands after humbling High Halstow at the weekend.

However, Saturday sees them entertain third-placed Dartford, the only side who can deny them promotion in a winner-takes-all clash for the right to go up alongside champions Tenterden.

The three sides have been at the top of the tree all season, but Broadstairs will feel robbed should they be denied at the final hurdle, having occupied a top-two spot for long periods.

While Dartford's game against Hayes was unable to be completed on Saturday, Broadstairs were romping to a ten-wicket thrashing against a sorry High Halstow side.

Horrendous

The hosts were only able to name nine players and when Broadstairs skipper Scott Narrway won the toss, he had no hesitation in electing to field first.

Richard Laphorn faced 40 balls for his 11 runs and that was as good as it got for High Halstow, who then collapsed in horrendous fashion for the paltry total of just 24.

Six players failed to score and Michael Ross scooped figures of 5 for 10, with Chris Kidd (3 for 13) helping to knock over the home side after 13 overs.

It took less than three overs for Broadstairs to wrap up the win, with Ross (19 not out) and Jake Benfield (7 not out) seeing the visitors home in the most comfortable style.

Broadstairs' promotion hopes bolstered by win



CHANCE: Broadstairs (bowling) go into their last game of the season still within reach of clinching promotion into Division One

SCORE CARD

High Halstow 1st XI

Richard Laphorn	not out	.....	11	Runs
David Sibley	st Brennan b Ross	.....	7	
Ashley Trigg	b Ross	.....	0	
John Hatchett	ct Simpson b Kidd	.....	0	
Steve Laphorn	c&b Kidd	.....	0	
Miles Kember	lbw b Kidd	.....	0	
Jamie Trigg	b Ross	.....	2	
Oliver Kember	b Ross	.....	0	
Rupert Staple	b Ross	.....	0	
Chris Dockwray	absent	.....	0	

Extras (1lb 1w 2nb) 4

Total (8 wickets, 13 overs) 24

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Michael Ross	7	3	10	5
Chris Kidd	6	1	13	3

Broadstairs 1st XI

Michael Ross	not out	.....	19	Runs
Jake Benfield	not out	.....	7	
Alex Hogben	did not bat	.....	0	
David Cooper	did not bat	.....	0	
Scott Narraway	did not bat	.....	0	
Neil Brennan	did not bat	.....	0	
Brian Simpson	did not bat	.....	0	
Chris Kidd	did not bat	.....	0	
Liam Narraway	did not bat	.....	0	
Oliver Frewin	did not bat	.....	0	
Allister Perrin	did not bat	.....	0	

Extras (1w) 1

Total (0 wickets, 25 overs) 27

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Rupert Staple	1.5	0	17	0
Ashley Trigg	1	0	10	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

2ND XI

Broadstairs 2nd XI v High Halstow 2nd XI

BROADSTAIRS 2nds remain poised for promotion from Division Three after they cruised to a nine-wicket win at home to High Halstow on Saturday.

Ashley Ellison picked up 5 for 18 as Halstow were bowled out for just 74, with only three batsmen reaching double figures for the Medway side.

The win was never in doubt as Broadstairs reached their target for the loss of one wicket, with Andrew Bailey leading the charge as he finished 55 not out.

High Halstow 2nd XI

					Runs
Graham Franks	b Ellison	.....	16		
Adam Colagato	ct J Bond b Fowler	.....	0		
Daren Brumbaugh	lbw b Fowler	.....	11		
Simon Morley	ct Bailey b Warden	.....	6		
Tim Munday	lbw b Ellison	.....	7		
Liam Seymour	lbw b Marshall	.....	11		
James Leadbeater	b Ellison	.....	4		
Aaron Robertson	ct Bailey b Marshall	.....	0		
Carl Dockwray	ct J Bond b Ellison	.....	2		
Thomas Robertson	not out	.....	0		
David Taylor	ct Bailey b Ellison	.....	0		
Extras	(8b 4lb 3w 2nb)	.....	17		
Total	(all out, 47.2 overs)	.....	74		

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Andy Fowler	14	9	11	2
Andrew Marshall	15	4	21	2
Ben Warden	7	1	12	1
Ashley Ellison	11.2	6	18	5

Broadstairs 2nd XI

Andrew Bailey	not out	.....	55	Runs
Terry Bond	run out	.....	5	
Geoff Pine	not out	.....	11	
David Parker	did not bat	.....	0	
Ashley Downtown	did not bat	.....	0	
James Bond	did not bat	.....	0	
Dave Benfield	did not bat	.....	0	
Andrew Marshall	did not bat	.....	0	
Ben Warden	did not bat	.....	0	
Andy Fowler	did not bat	.....	0	
Ashley Ellison	did not bat	.....	0	
Extras	(1b 2lb 2w)	.....	5	
Total	(1 wicket, 20.2 overs)	.....	76	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Aaron Robertson	6	0	21	0
Daren Brumbaugh	8	1	28	0
Carl Dockwray	4.2	1	15	0
James Leadbeater	2	0	9	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1A EAST

Nelson 1st XI v Hawkinge 1st XI

THERE was disappointment for Nelson on Saturday as they lost by three wickets to a Hawkinge side on the verge of sealing the 1A East title.

Nelson, having won the toss and chosen to bat, posted 146 with Zeeshan Sheikh (46) and David Walton (45) the top contributors. Trev Brooks and Anand Nagabhushana both took three wickets for Hawkinge.

The visitors reached their total with 12 overs to spare, although they did lose seven wickets in the process. However, 88 from Parag Madkaikar set them up for a vital win.

Nelson 1st XI

Glenn Tift	b Carey	.....	31	Runs
Isaac O'Connor	b Brooks	.....	0	
Merv Davey	b Brooks	.....	6	
Zeeshan Sheikh	ct Gooding b Nagabhushana	.....	46	
Scott Tift	b Carey	.....	1	
Alex Bridgland	ct Price b Brooks	.....	0	
David Walton	b Madkaikar	.....	45	
Jordan Webster	ct Brooks b Nagabhushana	.....	1	
Amjad Awan	ct McCue b Nagabhushana	.....	0	
Alan Nicholson	not out	.....	5	
Adam Cartland	run out	.....	0	
Extras		.....	11	
Total	(all out, 42.2 overs)	.....	146	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Trev Brooks	11	1	39	3
Shaune Carey	12	3	45	2
Joseph Payne	6	0	24	0
Parag Madkaikar	7.2	2	14	1
Anand Nagabhushana	6	1	17	3

Hawkinge 1st XI

Parag Madkaikar	not out	.....	88	Runs
Joseph Payne	ct Sheikh b Nicholson	.....	0	
Adam Lamberton	b Sheikh	.....	25	
Andy Brooks	b Sheikh	.....	0	
Shaune Carey	lbw b Walton	.....	0	
Paul Price	ct Sheikh b Walton	.....	0	
Anand Nagabhushana	ct Walton b Sheikh	.....	0	
Jack Gooding	b Sheikh	.....	0	
Trev Brooks	not out	.....	21	
Dean Hallett	did not bat	.....	0	
Josh McCue	did not bat	.....	0	

Extras 10

Total 149

(7 wickets, 34 overs)

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Amjad Awan	11	1	41	0
Alan Nicholson	4	1	3	0
Zeeshan Sheikh	12	2	26	4
David Walton	10	0	54	2
Alex Bridgland	1	0	6	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST

Hythe Green 1st XI v Margate 1st XI

A SUPERB bowling performance by Brett Kirk helped secure Margate a thrilling victory as they overcame struggling Hythe Green by a single run.

Batting first, Margate built steadily with Ian Robinson hitting 41 in their total of 173, with several other batsmen providing useful support. Tom Moloney took 4 for 47 for Hythe Green.

In reply, Steve Cave hit 50 for the home side but they fell agonisingly close, bowled out for 172 with Kirk picking up 6 for 15 from his 11 overs.

Margate 1st XI

Sam Winch	ct Rose b Smith	.....	27	Runs
Brett Kirk	ct T Moloney b Smith	.....	25	
Carl Perez	b Diwell	.....	4	
Josh Williamson	ct Diwell b T Moloney	.....	24	
Ian Robinson	ct Diwell b T Moloney	.....	41	
Ellison Hall	ct Smith b J Whybrow	.....	7	
Kashif Anwer	ct J Moloney b T Moloney	.....	20	
Harry Brooks	b T Moloney	.....	0	
Jamie Dewell	ct M Whybrow b J Whybrow	.....	1	
Jack Gillett	not out	.....	0	
Simon Jackson	ct Cave b J Whybrow	.....	1	
Extras	(5b 5lb 10w 3nb)	.....	23	
Total	(all out, 40.2 overs)	.....	173	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Tom Moloney	11	1	47	4
James Whybrow	7.2	2	15	3
Martin Smith	8	2	28	2
Jack Diwell	8	0	35	1
James Rose	6	0	38	0

Hythe Green 1st XI

Martin Whybrow	st Winch b Jackson	.....	27	Runs
Phillip Rose	ct Dewell b Robinson	.....	27	
Steve Cave	b Kirk	.....	50	
Joseph Moloney	ct Kirk b Robinson	.....	2	
Nick Hasseldine	b Kirk	.....	9	
Nick Allen	b Kirk	.....	1	
Jack Diwell	ct Williamson b Kirk	.....	0	
Tom Moloney	b Kirk	.....	13	
James Whybrow	b Kirk	.....	4	
James Rose	ct Brooks b Anwer	.....	4	
Martin Smith	not out	.....	5	

Extras 30

Total 172

(all out, 50.2 overs)

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Jamie Dewell	9	1	34	0
Kashif Anwer	10.2	1	41	1
Ian Robinson	11	3	29	2
Simon Jackson	9	0	44	1
Brett Kirk	11	1	15	6

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B EAST

New Romney & Littlestone 1st XI v St Margaret's 1st XI

ST MARGARET'S and Kennington meet in the season's final game on Saturday knowing victory for either side will see them promoted.

On Saturday, St Margaret's beat New Romney & Littlestone by 88 runs, leaving them nine points behind second-placed Kennington and 18 behind leaders Canterbury.

Ritchie Hulks (29) top-scored in the visitors' total of 189 for 8 and he then took 4 for 16 as New Romney were bowled out for 101, despite 38 from Stephen Fletcher and 30 from Rob Liddell.

St Margaret's 1st XI

Lloyd King	ct Anderson b Fletcher	.....	27	Runs
Dale King	b White	.....	28	
Haydn Beer	ct Lawrence b White	.....	15	
Aaron Powell	ct Fletcher b Owen	.....	0	
Ritchie Hulks	ct Fletcher b White	.....	29	
Toby Kember	ct Gudhika b White	.....	18	
Mark Parnell	b Liddell	.....	17	
Daniel Kennett	not out	.....	5	
Ashley Birchenough	not out	.....	11	
Peter Bowley	c&b Smith	.....	7	
Ryan Hulks	did not bat	.....	0	

Extras 32

Total 189

(8 wickets, 46 overs)

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Lee Smith	12	0	60	1
Stephen Fletcher	10	1	28	1
Everton White	11	0	46	4
Terry Owen	9	2	18	1
Zahid Ahmad	2	0	15	0
Rob Liddell	2	0	13	1

New Romney & Littlestone 1st XI

Lee Smith	b Ritchie Hulks	.....	2	Runs
Lewis Unwin	ct Powell b Kennett	.....	0	
Amar Gudhika	ct Ryan Hulks b Kennett	.....	0	
Daniel Anderson	ct Beer b Kennett	.....	7	
Stephen Fletcher	b Ritchie Hulks	.....	38	
Rob Liddell	ct Birchenough b Ritchie Hulks	.....	30	
Jeremy Brown	b Parnell	.....	6	
Zahid Ahmad	ct Kember b Ritchie Hulks	.....	0	
Spencer Lawrence	not out	.....	2	
Terry Owen	lbw b Parnell	.....	0	
Everton White	absent	.....	0	

Extras 16

Total 101

(all out, 33 overs)

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ritchie Hulks	11	4	16	4
Daniel Kennett	8	2	19	3
Peter Bowley	6	1	23	0
Ashley Birchenough	4	0	27	0
Mark Parnell	4	0	10	2

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Lowestoft Town 2

McGlone 25, Bloomfield 50

Margate 1

Marsden 24



MARGATE made the long trip back from Lowestoft with nothing to show for their efforts after letting slip a one-goal lead to lose in Suffolk on Saturday.

Boss Iain O'Connell made three changes from the side that drew 2-2 with Canvey Island a week earlier, with Jim Sherman dropped to the bench, Jay Saunders suspended and Jean-Michel Sigere having been released.

In came Shaun Welford for his Blues debut, having joined from Dover, with Ishmail Kamara starting alongside him in a new-look strikeforce, and Wayne Wilson handed a place in midfield.

Lowestoft, identified by O'Connell as one of the favourites for the Ryman Premier title, lived up to their billing with some attractive football although the Gate's front two caused them problems early on.

Welford's physical presence gave the Trawler



MIDDLE MAN: Wayne Wilson battles for control of the ball during Margate's defeat at Lowestoft Town

Boys problems and he won a series of headers which Kamara was unable to convert.

A scrappy opening saw both goalkeepers tested from free-kicks and it was from another set-piece that Margate took a spectacular lead on 24 minutes.

Darren Marsden's floated ball was aimed towards Welford and although the striker was unable to connect, his attentions forced the Lowestoft goalkeeper to punch the ball back out to Marsden. The midfielder took a touch before firing a great shot into the Lowestoft net, despite the desperate attempts to block on the goal-line.

Margate's celebrations were short-lived, however. Smart play in the Lowestoft midfield saw the ball sprayed wide and when the cross came in, Lee McGlone rose to float a deft header beyond the reach of Jamie Turner.

Margate starting XI



Subs used: Grant (Osborne 75 mins), Waugh (Kamara 80)

Play then degenerated into a scrap as half-time approached, with both sides guilty of wastefulness in possession and neither keeper troubled further.

Lowestoft came out for the second period in determined fashion and their endeavours were rewarded five minutes after the restart when they went 2-1 ahead.

The hosts' patient passing frustrated Margate and they gave away a free-kick in dangerous territory. Turner did well to keep out the first effort, but when the ball fell to Danny Bloomfield he smashed it into the Blues net to turn the game on its head.

Margate struggled to recover from the blow despite the introduction of Alex Waugh, and when Curtis Robinson was shown two yellow cards in quick succession, the home side took total control and closed out the win.

The Blues were in action on Bank Holiday Monday when Maidstone United were the visitors to Hartsdown Park. Log on to www.yourthanet.co.uk for a match report and reaction.

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Picture: IAIN KIRK

SLOPPY: Margate's boss thought his side deserved a point

O'Connell gets Blues over poor performance

MARGATE manager Iain O'Connell was left to rue careless passing and sloppy defending after seeing his side beaten at Lowestoft Town.

The Blues boss felt his side did enough to earn a point, but admitted individual mistakes had undermined an otherwise positive performance in the 2-1 defeat on Saturday.

Having gone ahead courtesy of Darren Marsden's 24th-minute strike, the Gate were pegged back and then dropped their game after the break, allowing Lowestoft to grab a winner.

"We should have got a point," O'Connell said. "We didn't deserve anything more, but we deserved a point. We were the better side in the first-half and they were better in the second. We didn't pass the ball well and gave two sloppy goals away, which is what cost us."

O'Connell gave league debuts to Shaun Welford and Ishmail Kamara up front and declared himself satisfied with the attacking options now at his disposal.

He said: "Shaun did excellent in the first-half, although Ishmail found the pace a bit tough. I wanted Shaun last year so it's great to have him on board now. Ishmail gives us that pace, which we didn't have, plus we've got James Pinnock, Alex Waugh and Dean Grant, so our forward line's looking a lot stronger."

Picture: DAVE STEWART



OUT OF THE RUNNING: Richard Eldridge will miss the clash with a broken knuckle

London Irish an unknown force for the Wanderers

THANET Wanderers kick-off the new London 1 South season at London Irish Amateur on Saturday and head coach Tom Carlier admits they face a largely unknown force.

Irish, one of three newly-promoted sides in the division, may be able to draw on some of the club's professionals for the clash, but Carlier has belief in his players, whatever side lines up against them.

However, full-back Richard Eldridge will miss the first six weeks of the new campaign after breaking his knuckle in pre-season.

Carlier said: "The squad's looking good, we feel confident and although you could always do with a couple more weeks to pre-

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pare, we're pretty much where we want to be at this stage.

"I'm not a great believer in targets because they can be decimated in the first six games.

"Let's worry about the next 80 minutes and then on to next Saturday after that.

"I'm just hoping [London Irish] haven't loaded their squad with too many professionals, because if some of them are in the amateur side on Saturday, it could give us a big problem.

"We know absolutely nothing about their style; I expect them to be workmanlike and they don't have any spectacular individuals."

Rams face FA Cup replay after failing to do the job

FOOTBALL

Ramsgate 1 Godalming Town 1

RAMSGATE found themselves on the end of a sucker-punch on Saturday as Godalming salvaged an FA Cup replay in the final minute at Southwood.

Jim Ward's side, having led for almost the entire second-half, looked to have sealed their place in the first qualifying round, but Richard Shittu's stoppage-time volley sent the tie to a replay.

The Rams should have put the game to bed long before the end, however, as they squandered a series of chances in both halves.

With ten minutes on the clock, Paul Axon's cross was volleyed goalwards by Mitchell Sherwood and when his effort was blocked, Aaron Beech headed against the crossbar.

Axon then drew a fine save from the Godalming goalkeeper with a superb curling shot, although James Mariner could have put the visitors ahead when his flicked header drifted just past the post.

Ramsgate finally took the lead in the 55th minute, when Ollie Gray was tripped in the box and Sherwood stepped up to drive home the penalty.

Sherwood could have then doubled his tally after good link-up play between Ben Laslett



Picture: DAVE STEWART

EFFORT: Paul Axon drew a fine save

and Beech, and Mark Lovell missed two good chances to make it 2-0 near the end.

However, Shittu struck with Godalming's first effort of the second-half and the sides met in Surrey last night to settle the tie. Log on to www.yourthanet.co.uk for match details.

Ramsgate are back in action on Saturday when they host Worthing in Ryman South. Kick-off at Southwood is at 3pm.

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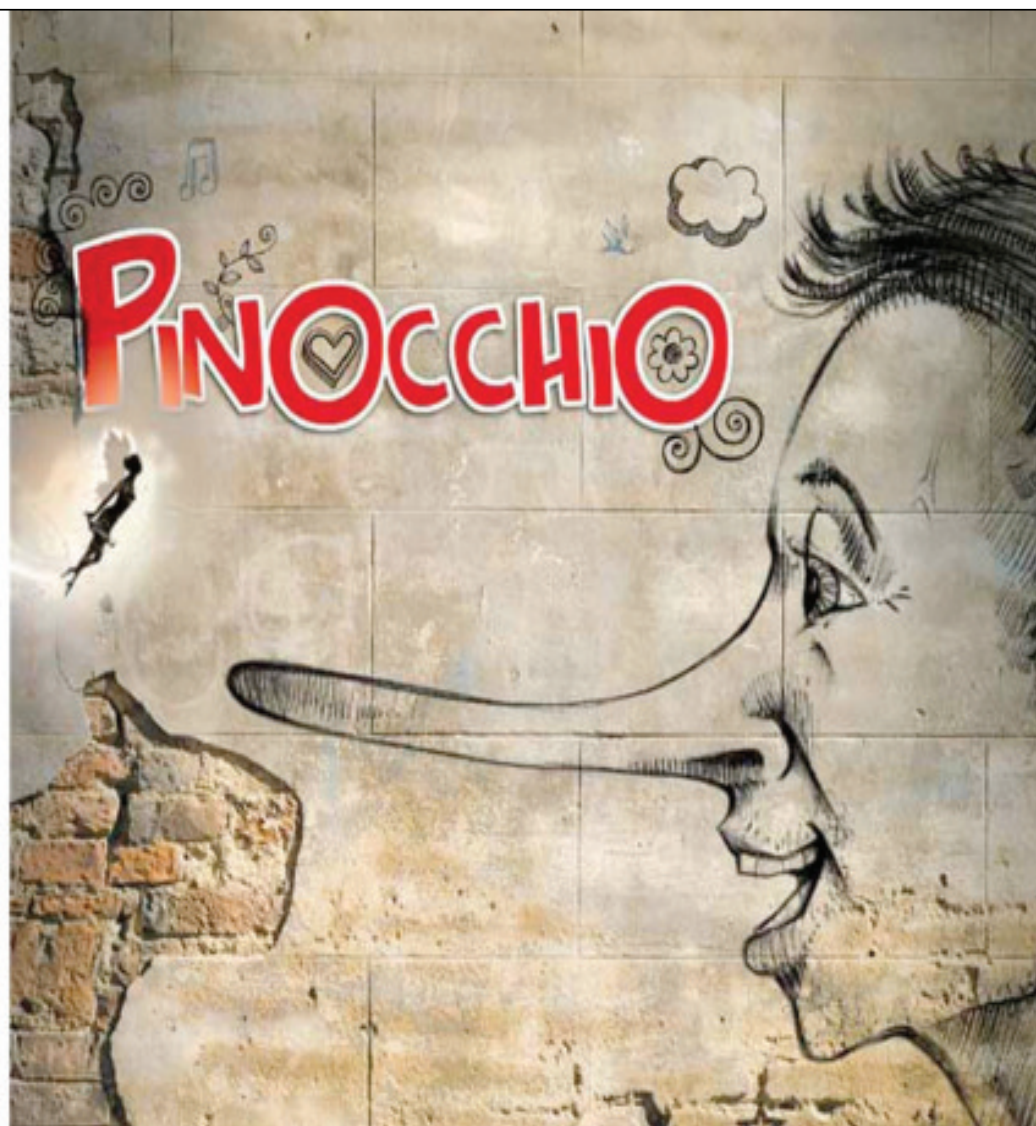


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